

Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As the below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the invention which is described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC § 120 of any United States application(s), or any §365° of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Applications:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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